

Amendments to the Specification:

Although two of the following paragraphs are being removed, Applicant has shown the removed paragraphs in strikethrough to ensure that the correct text is removed from the application.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

Exemplary embodiments of the invention will be elucidated in more detail in the following on the basis of the drawings; shown are: ~~It is to be understood that the aspects and objects of the present invention described above may be combinable and that other advantages and aspects of the present invention will become apparent upon reading the following description of the drawings and detailed description of the invention.~~

Please remove the paragraph immediately after the section heading at page 9, before line 16.

~~While this invention is susceptible of embodiment in many different forms, there is shown in the drawings and will herein be described in detail one or more embodiments with the understanding that the present disclosure is to be considered as an exemplification of the principles of the invention and is not intended to limit the invention to the embodiments illustrated.~~

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, at line 23 with the following amended paragraph.

The inlet duct 11 which is situated at the bottom in Figures 1 and 2 communicates with a first working space 14 which is bounded between a linearly displaceable, double-acting piston 15, the casing 3 and an insert 16 which is detachably assembled from two parts—16a and 16b.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, after line 15 with the following amended paragraph.

The left-hand end region of the piston 15 is sunk into a bore ~~[[24]]~~ 27 of the left-hand insert part 16a and bounds with the latter a second working space 28. The second working space 28 is in communication via a thin axial bore 29 with a transverse bore 30 which is directed through the entire insert part 16a and in which a linearly guided slide 31 is arranged in displaceable manner. The slide 31 possesses a central region 32 which is reduced in diameter, so that at the place where this central region 32 is located, between the transverse bore 30 and the slide 31, an annular gap is present which can be flowed through.

Please remove the paragraph beginning on page 20, after line 28.

~~It is to be understood that additional embodiments of the present invention described herein may be contemplated by one of ordinary skill in the art and that the scope of the present invention is not limited to the embodiments disclosed. While specific embodiments of the present invention have been illustrated and described, numerous modifications come to mind without significantly departing from the spirit of the invention, and the scope of protection is only limited by the scope of the accompanying claims.~~